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SUBJECT: POLICE CONFISCATE ABOUT EUROS 20 MILLION IN FAKE  
PRODUCTS

11. (U) On June 25, the Spanish National Police (SNP) arrested four individuals based in Barcelona and Valencia. The police suspect the four arrestees of trafficking in fake shirts, pants, belts, watches and eyewear, principally made in China, although some of the merchandise also came from India. The police confiscated goods with an approximate market value of euros 20 million. The head of the suspected group is of Indian origin; other participants include individuals of Chinese and Spanish nationality.

12. (U) Comment: These arrests demonstrate once again that the Spanish police force is very active against Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) piracy. Trademark violations are fairly common in Spain, although U.S. trademark owners have not asked the Embassy for help in recent years. American IPR concerns are mostly in the copyright area.  
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